had requested the authorities of Hong Kong for his extradition;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the C.B.I. was informed about the escape by Interpol through FAX on or about 9th January, 1997;

(d) whether any investigation have been made in the matter and if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to bring Amir Bhai to this country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to information available, Mohd. Amir Deen Habib *alias* Amir Bhai had left Hong Kong on 4.1.1997 and reached Dubai on the same date.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The enquiries made by the Consulate General of India, Hong Kong reveal that Amir Bhai had waived his right to judicial review and withdrawn his petition filed in th Hong Kong High Court which was scheduled to be heard on 16th and 17th January, 1997. He volunteered to go to Dubai, which was the place of his embarkation at the time of his arrest in Hong Kong in June 1996. The invalid passport of Amir Bhai, which was in the custody of the Judge in Hong Kong, was returned to him by the Court in early January, 1997 and thus Amir Bhai departed from Hong Kong to Dubai on 4.1.1997.

(e) The Interpol India has requested Interpol Abu Dhabi to arrest Amir Bhai and extradite/deport him to India. The Court of Special Judge, Delhi has also issued a Warrant to Arrest against Amir Bhai on 24/1/97 which, along with other extradition papers, has been sent to the UAE authorities for extraditing/ deporting/removing Amri Bhai from Dubai to India.

Indian succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996

2635. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996 passed by the Kerala Assembly is pending before the Centre for assent since 11th April, 1996; and

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in the matter and by when the Bill is likely to be assented to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Succession (Kerala Amendment) Bill, 1996, has been assented to by the President on 8-3-1997 and the State Government informed on 11-3-1997.

Public statement by the investigating officers

2636. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government quite recently that, the investigation officers are making many public statements revealing the progress of the investigation etc.; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that it may effect the result of the investigation and may help the real culprits to find out ways to escape from the hands of justice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) As per the instructions/guidelines in CBI, public statements are made only by the officers who are authorised to issue such statements on behalf of CBI as and when considered necessary in the interest of the case. It would therefore, not be correct to say that the investigating officers are making public statements revealing the progress of the investigation.

(b) Adequate care is taken at the time

of issuing official statements to ensure that it does not affect the investigation adversely.

PM's Announcement for scrapping of the illegal migrants Act, 1983

2637. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister announced the scrapping of Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 in Guwahati on 27th October, 1996;

(b) whether a month later he ruled out the repeal of the above Act; and

(c) the reasons for this reversal of policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) No, Sir. The Prime Minister only stated that steps will be taken to repeal the ineffective laws and to strengthen the legal and administrative measures for dealing with foreigners in consultation with these States.

(b) and (c) Does not arise, in view of answer to (a) above.

Nomination of Politicians to the Rajya Sabha

2638. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to nominate politicians to the Rajya Sabha;

(b) whether Article 80 of the Constitution provides for nomination to Rajya Sabha on the basis of expertise or excellence in the fields of literature, arts, science and social work; and

(c) if so, the reasons for nomination of politicians to the Rajya Sabha in violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) The nomination made to the Rajya Sabha conform to the Constitutional provisions in this respect. It is proposed to follow the same in future.

Strike by PCS Officers

2639. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "PCS Officers up in arms; thereafter indefinite stir" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated February 16, 1997; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a delegation of PCS Officers Association submitted two memoranda to the State Chief Secretary, one on 14.1.1997 and the other on 21.2.1997. Among the main demands are (i) manning of 50% posts of Heads of Department and Corporations by PCS officers; (ii) earmarking of some posts of Secretaries and District Collectors for PCS officers; (iii) enhancement of posts in different pay scales; (iv) revision of pay scales of PCS as has been done in the case of UP Judicial Service.

The State Government has already constituted a Cadre Review Management Committee under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner, U.P. to consider the demands of PCS officers. The State Government has not received any information regarding indefinite strike by the PCS Officers.

Missing undertrial's paper

2640. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news reports